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1. ON OCTOBER 26, DEPUTY DEFENSE ADVISOR (HUBBARD) CALLED ON DEPUTY EWG CHAIRMAN (ASYG MUMFORD) TO DISCUSS THE HANDLING OF TASK FORCE DIRECTORS' END-OCTOBER PROGRESS REPORTS TO DEFENSE MINISTERS AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS MUMFORD MIGHT MAKE TO EWG CHAIRMAN PANSA CONCERNING POSSIBLE REMANDING OF INDIVIDUAL REPORTS. DEP DEFAD INFORMED MUMFORD THAT THE US HAD BEEN PROVIDING TASK FORCE DIRECTORS WITH US VIEWS AS TO WHERE MAIN PROGRAM AND POLICY EMPHASES SHOULD LIE AND STRESSED THAT THE US REGARDED THE NEED TO FOCUS ON A FEW KEY PRIORITY AREAS AS CENTRAL TO SUCCESS OF THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM.

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2. HUBBARD STATED THAT INTERIM REPORTS MIGHT BE REMANDED IN TWO CASES: (A) ON "CONSTITUTIONAL" GROUNDS IF THEY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH EWG DIRECTIVES, E.G., THEY DO NOT INCLUDE A LIST OF PROGRAM EMPHASES, OR (B) ON GROUNDS THAT THE SPECIFIC CONTENT OF THE PROGRAM EMPHASES IS DEEMED SUBSTANTIVELY INADEQUATE. DEP DEFAD SUGGESTED THAT MUMFORD OR THE "EDITORIAL BOARD" SHOULD ACT QUICKLY TO EXAMINE

REPORTS AS THEY COME IN AND RECOMMEND THAT PANSA REMAND REPORTS JUDGED UNSATISFACTORY. MUMFORD REPLIED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR THE EDITORIAL BOARD TO REVIEW THE REPORTS; HE COULD MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO PANSA ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY. HUBBARD SAID THAT THE US DELEGATION WOULD BE READY TO ASSIST HIM, INFORMALLY, IN REVIEWING THE TASK FORCE REPORTS.

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3. HUBBARD THEN CITED AS EXHIBIT A IN "CONSTITUTIONALLY" UNSATISFACTORY PROGRESS REPORTS, THE REPORT OF TASK FORCE 7 - EW (REFTEL). HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS REPORT CONTAINED MANY GOOD IDEAS AND THAT IT DULY DESCRIBED THE STATUS OF TASK FORCE WORK. HOWEVER, THE TASK FORCE DIRECTOR HAD NOT GONE BEYOND REVIEWING THE STATUS OF WORK HE WAS PURSUING TO SELECT AND LAY OUT PROPOSED PROGRAM EMPHASES. DEP DEFAD NOTED THAT REVISION OF THE REPORT TO INCLUDE PROGRAM EMPHASES ALONG THE LINES THE US HAD SUGGESTED WOULD BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF BOTH NATO AND THE TASK FORCE 7 DIRECTOR IN PROVIDING A BASIS FOR NATIONS TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE IN THIS AREA. HE ADDED THAT THE US WOULD INSIST THAT EWG DIRECTIVES BE FOLLOWED AND THAT, IF UNSATISFACTORY REPORTS WERE NOT REMANDED TO BE PUT INTO GOOD SHAPE PRIOR TO THE EWG MEETING TO CONSIDER THEM, THE EWG FACED THE PROSPECT OF A VERY DIFFICULT DRAFTING SESSION.

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4. MUMFORD TOOK THE US POINT ON THE CENTRALITY OF KEY CONFIDENTIAL

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PROGRAM EMPHASES TO SUCCESS OF THE LONG TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. HE HAD NOT YET READ THE TASK FORCE 7 REPORT, BUT PROMISED TO GET BACK WITH US WHEN HE HAD DONE SO. GLITMAN

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